Pradesh;

(b) if so, what action Central Government have taken or propose to take thereon and whether any royalty has been paid if so, the amount paid so far •and the balance amount that is still to be paid; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) No request for payment of royalty on production of mineral oil has been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh. Payment of royalty is governed by the provisions of the Oil Fields (Regulation and Development) Act, 1948 and the Petroleum and Natural Gas Rules, 1959, under which royalty is payable to the Central Government when crude oil and natural gas arc produced from offshore areas and to the concerned State Gopvernment, when the production is from the land vested in that State. The royalty is paid by the producer of mineral oil to the Central or State Government, as the case may be.

For the period 1986-87 to 1988-89 (until mid February, 1989) the producer, Oil and Natural Gas Commission, has paid a total amount of Rs. 17.80 Lakhs to Andhra Pradesh for onshore production of crude oil and natural gas in that State. The anticipated amount of royalty payable to Andhra Pradesh upto 31st March, 1989 is around Rs. 2.50 lakhs.

(c) Does not arise.

Mini cement factories

2030. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY. Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of mini cement factories in the country at present, Statewise; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to give rebate on excise and sales tax to tide over the crisis in mini cement factories?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The number of mini cement plants in the organised sector in the different States are as under:—

State	Number of Mini Cement Plants
2. Arunachal Pradesh	., ... 14
	.....
	1
4. Bihar	1
	.. 16
6. J&K	2
	.....
8. Madhya Pradesh	 12
	 2
10. Orissa	 1
	5
	 4
	...2
TOTAL:	72

ln addition, there are mini cement plants in the small scale sector which are registered with and administered by the respective State Director of Industries. Data regarding such plants is not centrally maintained. However, as of now, about 80 such plants are reporting production to the development commissioner for Cement Industry.

(b) In the Budget for the year 1989-90, excise duty on cement manufactured by units using vertical shaft kiln has been reduced by Rs. 100 per tonne from the. general effective rate.

Drilling wells in the Krishna-Godavari basin

2031. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI. Will the Minister of PETROLEUM